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IS an engineering faculty justified in the light of the great changes that have been imposed on the function of Hongkong University in the post-war years? The answer must be a definite "Yes". Not merely justified, but essential even though this faculty in common with other branches of higher education in Hongkong can no longer serve the purpose for which they were originally intended; that is, to meet the needs of southern China as well as the Colony.

Economically, the maintenance of an efficient and well-equipped faculty may not appear justified particularly if the detailed and intensive course is not well patronised by local students. We believe, however, that as long as local industry continues to expand and develop, there is a need for engineering graduates here. Not overseas graduates but men trained at our own University. That is what it is there for. And that, in turn, presupposes a highly developed faculty capable of turning out these men.

YESTERDAY the Committee of Engineering Education appointed to consider relevant sections of the Jennings-Logan report gave its views. They deserve careful reading particularly the section dealing with the high teaching standards in the faculty. The committee makes various suggestions to the University authorities which, if adopted, would undoubtedly enhance the reputation of the existing course. But we feel this should be more a community effort for the success of the engineering school depends as much on the support given by local industries as upon improvements instituted by the University itself.

To put the engineering course on a better footing, we think it would also help if the University authorities conferred with the Chinese Manufacturers Union and representatives of big European firms in the Colony to stress the vital purpose of a fully recognised engineering faculty. It should be emphasised that its success depends largely on the assistance given by local manufacturers and engineering concerns by way of guarantees of useful employment and adequate salaries to fully trained graduates and even scholarships for promising students.

In doing this the University would not be asking for charity. It would be asking local industrialists to make a sound investment in their own future by ensuring that they will have a regular flow of trained men from the University to fill senior technical posts in the Colony.

The establishment of a fully recognised faculty cannot be under-estimated. Not only does local industry stand to benefit but the engineering school has obvious attractions for many Southeast Asian countries where there is an urgent need for trained graduates. The Hongkong University has at present an excellent opportunity to take a leading role in this particular field of education.

Full recognition of the Hongkong degree by the Institution of Civil Engineers of Great Britain, which may be expected in the not too distant future, will undoubtedly give a much needed boost to the Hongkong course throughout Southeast Asia but justification of the faculty ultimately depends on the service it fulfils in the Colony. That is the basic requirement.

'BUDGET OF A GENIUS'

Mr Butler's Skill Applauded

IT WAS HIS BIG DAY



Mr R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, smiles and holds up the traditional red despatch box for photographers as he leaves his home in London to present the budget. This picture was taken last year, but the scene was re-enacted yesterday afternoon. —Reuterphoto.

Soviet Intervention In India Worries The Tories

By LES ARMOUR

London, Apr. 19.

British Conservatives are alarmed by Russian intervention in the industrial development of India. In an official report which will be presented to a conference opening on April 30, the Conservative Commonwealth Council's Asian Sub-group says: "In recent months there has been fresh development which cannot be viewed without political misgiving."

It cites Russian negotiations for a share of the diamond mining business in Central India and a Russian plan to build a 230-million steel plant at Bilhar. In addition it says: "There are signs that the Russians are trying to undersell the Commonwealth in the supply of agricultural tractors to India."

The Conservatives say that while additional resources for India may be all to the good, the facilities created thereby for Communist influence and infiltration will be only too apparent.

The report emphasises conditions throughout Southeast Asia are still such as to provide a "hot bed for the seeds of Communism and subversion."

And it warns that more demands will be made on the West in future if the dangers are to be averted.

The average annual income per head in India is still less than £20 against £200 in Britain and more than £400 in the United States—and food consumption for this year, the report says, is estimated at 1,640 calories daily per head against 1,970 pre-war.

In other words, the battle appears to be a losing one despite the work done in the post-war years.

The only hope it finds is that massive aid programmes may raise the standard of living quickly.

The Royal Athens Observatory seismograph placed the epicentre of the shock—165 kilometres northeast of Athens in a depression off the Sporades Islands in the Aegean Sea. —France-Press.

A violent earthquake which killed two persons and injured 60 caused widespread havoc in Greece today.

In the port of Volos in Thessaly, 700 houses came crashing down. People ran out of their houses in panic and huddled in the ruins on the public squares.

The Government immediately sent rescue squads of army engineers, together with 150 tons for the townships.

CONSERVATIVE MPs HIGHLY SATISFIED

London, Apr. 19.

Mr R. A. Butler's budget today was one of a political genius.

Giving away less than half his surplus to the electors the British Chancellor removes 2,400,000 people completely from the income tax and lightens the load on all other tax-payers. He keeps more than half the surplus to maintain the world's confidence in sterling.

The Chancellor twice stated the economic key to this ingenious result. It is that he does not need to do by the budget work that is already being done by the Bank Rate.

Thanks to what he described as stricter monetary discipline, the Chancellor could calculate that the total increase in home demand would be appreciably less than in each of the past two years, while the increase in production should be bigger. This would leave a margin for more exports.

He reckoned that fixed investment would show the same increase as last year, but with a bigger increase in productive investment and a small one in housing. He said that higher interest rates should not discourage sound long-term investment. On the contrary, by leading to orderly economic growth they should encourage it.

Of the out of £132 million in income tax he reckoned that £40 million would go to industry. He emphasised that rent, interest and dividends last year rose by four per cent while wages and salaries rose by 7½ per cent.

As expected, Mr Butler referred to the recent upsurge of confidence and production in the United States as a benefit to the whole world.

His main theme was the new spirit and momentum on both sides of industry and his policy of encouraging "instead of smothering them."

In a significant phrase he said that the timeliness of the higher Bank Rate and other actions taken in February had been demonstrated by the movement in the dollar reserves since then.

After the tax cuts, he estimated an ordinary surplus of £143 million. It may of course, turn out bigger. Last year he budgeted for a surplus of £10 million and got a surplus of £433 million.

Including a bigger net spending below the line, the so-called overall deficit is budgeted to jump from £68 million to £436 million.

The Chancellor did not give this figure and it has become academic nowadays.

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THE ESTIMATES

London, Apr. 19.

An official statement of Britain's estimates of revenue and expenditure issued tonight put total ordinary revenue at £4,710,150,000 against expenditure forecast at £4,581,875,000.

Major items of expense are estimated.

National Debt charges £638 million, payments to Northern Ireland £53 million, Army £484 million, Navy £247 million, Air Force £240 million, other defence charges (Ministry of Defence and Supply) £186 million, and 16 local services (education, health, housing, police, roads, etc.) £632 million, national health £538 million, family allowances £106 million, pensions £107 million.

Farouk Offered A Job

Bogota, Apr. 19.

Former King Farouk of Egypt, once one of the richest men in the world, has been offered a job as a kitchen furniture salesman.

The owner of a Colombian company making aluminium kitchen furniture, read in the newspapers the former Egyptian monarch was in an unhappy financial situation.

He took pity on him and offered him a job as one of the Directors of his company at a salary of \$5,000 a month.

It was not reported whether Farouk had replied to the telegram offering him the job or not. —France-Press.

Austrian Treaty

Promise Of Speedy Action

Washington, Apr. 19.

The United States is giving "prompt and sympathetic consideration" to Russia's call for a Big Four foreign ministers' meeting on Austrian independence, it was stated tonight.

A State Department statement said the United States, Britain and France were in fact "already exploring the most expeditious methods of reaching a speedy conclusion of the state treaty for Austria."

The United States was "glad to learn that the Soviet Government appears now to seek urgently a treaty restoring Austrian independence. The statement added:

This had been the goal of the Western allies for nine years.

PRIVATE MEETING

Earlier the Austrian Ambassador to Washington, Dr Karl Gruber, said after a 15-minute private meeting with Mr John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, that Mr Dulles had assured Austria that the United States would move "as rapidly as possible" to complete a state treaty for Austria.

Dr Gruber said no special plans had been made for a Big Four meeting on the treaty but he assumed that arrangements for the instruments of ratification were made a "high level" meeting would be necessary for the final signature.

Asked whether Mr Dulles was optimistic about completing a state treaty on the basis of the Austrian-Soviet agreement, Dr Gruber replied: "Well, the Secretary of State was not pessimistic although I would not say he was over-optimistic."

Reuter.

APRIL 27 MEETING?

Vienna, Apr. 19.

The Ambassadors of Britain, France, the United States and Russia are expected to meet in Vienna shortly for preliminary talks on a state treaty ending the occupation of Austria.

Russia proposed in a note to the three other occupying powers today that the foreign ministers of all countries should meet in Vienna as soon as possible to sign the treaty.

It was reported unofficially here that the Ambassadors would meet on April 27.

Agreement opening the way for a Four-Power state treaty was reached in Moscow talks last week between Herr Julius Raab, the Austrian Chancellor, and the Soviet government.

Western diplomats in Washington said they did not expect a meeting at foreign ministers level until after the Paris treaties reuniting West Germany are implemented. —Reuter.

PLANT WRECKED

London, Apr. 19.

A fierce explosion wrecked a plant resin producing plant outside Darlington early today, damaged houses for many miles around and strewn streets with debris. —Reuter.

End Of Newspaper Strike

PUBLISHING AGAIN TOMORROW

London, Apr. 19.

London newspaper proprietors and trade union leaders tonight announced a settlement of the 26-day-old press strike and publication of national newspapers will probably be resumed on Thursday.

The settlement has still to be endorsed tomorrow at a mass meeting of the 700 maintenance men whose strike brought the national newspapers to a stoppage at a cost of over £2 million.

A "back to work" formula was announced after talks spread over more than eight hours.

The date for a return to work was not fixed but the unions said they hoped to get their men back tomorrow in time for the production of Thursday morning newspapers.

A joint statement said the strikers had accepted the latest wage offer of 12 shillings from the Newspaper Proprietors Association — representing about one-fifth of their wage claim—pending further negotiations which must begin within eight weeks.

The statement climaxed talks between members of the NPA, the strike leaders and representatives of 10 other press unions with wage claims against the newspapers.

The striking maintenance mechanics and electricians had demanded an increase of £2 18s 6d and had stopped publication of about 30 national, morning and Sunday newspapers and London evening papers.

The strike had cost the newspapers more than £2 million.

RETURN TO WORK

After the talks, Mr Frank Hazell, Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, said a mass meeting of the 700 workers would be held some time tomorrow at which the men would be recommended to return to work.

A parallel statement was made by Mr John Fletcher, Secretary of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation which represents 20,000 non-editorial workers who have lost their jobs through the stoppage.

Mr Fletcher said: "We have not arranged a date for a resumption of work but we are hoping to make a start tomorrow night for Thursday morning papers."

Later Mr Robert Willis, joint General-Secretary of the London Typographical Society, said that in view of the "pro-prietors' assurances, the Society was instructing all its members

to report for work at midday tomorrow.

Today's joint statement indicates that any new agreement reached in the planned negotiations will date from eight weeks after the resumption of work. If agreement is delayed beyond eight weeks but completed within three months, the terms will be retrospective.

RAILMEN'S DECISION

The newspaper settlement came three hours after leaders of 70,000 rail workers had rejected an appeal to call off a strike timed for midnight on May 1.

The General executive of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen sent a letter to the British Transport Commission reaffirming their strike decision.

The Commission, operators of Britain's state-owned rail system, had appealed to the ASLEF leaders to reconsider their strike call as it was issued on the eve of a railway modernisation programme which promises "fresh opportunities and prospects" for rail workers.

The engineers and firemen are seeking a wage scale higher than that offered by the Commission in January which it claims "distorts" established margins between skilled workers and others.

The Society wants between 1s 6d and 5s 6d more a week for its members than offered by the Commission, whose proposals have been endorsed by a railway wage tribunal.

The strike's call is Britain's third threatened rail stoppage in 18 months. The two previous threats were lifted on the promise of wage rises. —Reuter.

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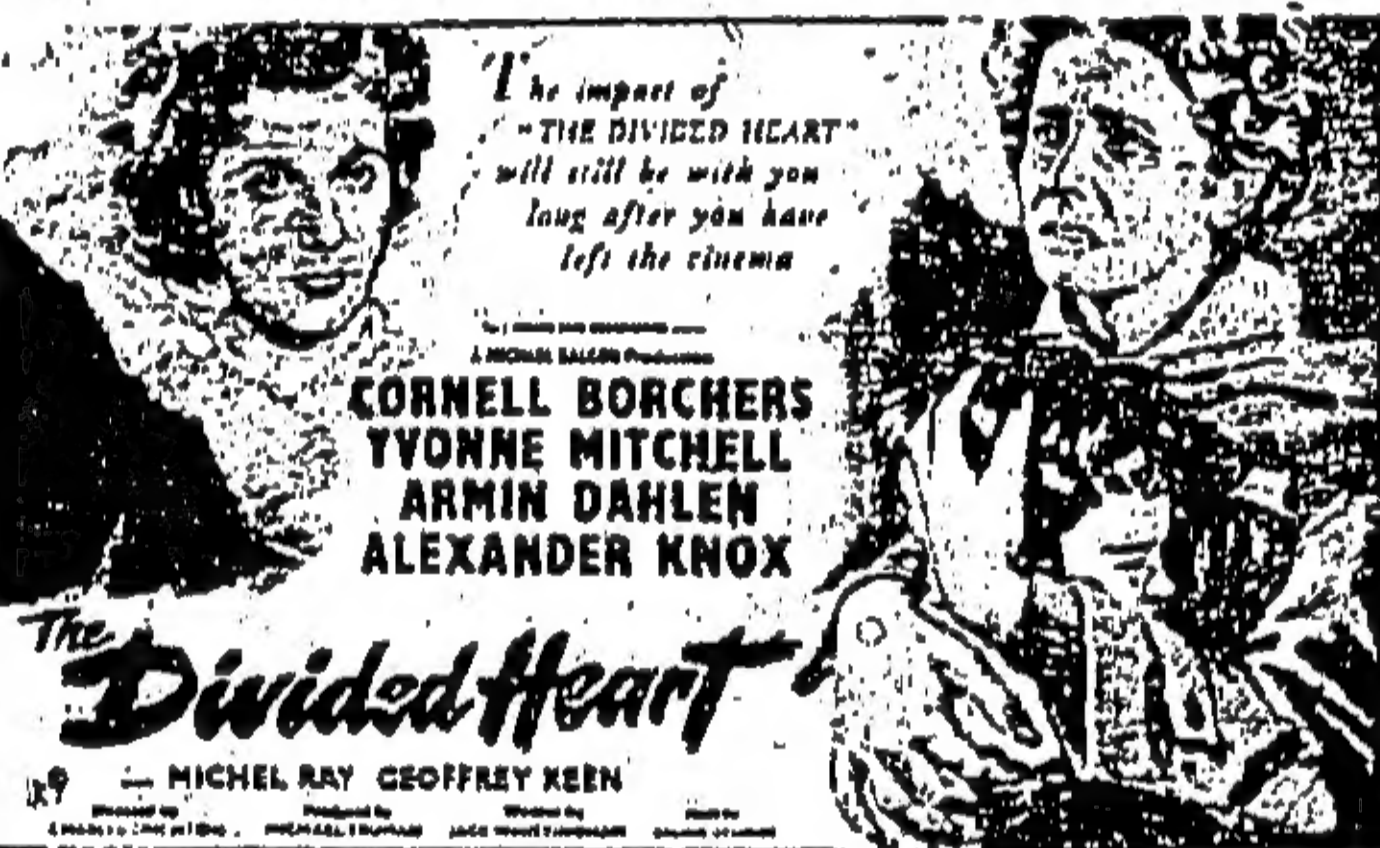
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ZHUKOV MESSAGE TO JOURNALISTS

New York, Apr. 19.

Marshal Grigori Zhukov, the Soviet Union's Minister of Defence, said today that his country believed that world peace could be secured only through the co-operation and understanding of the United States, Britain and Russia.

In a message to the Overseas Press Club, Marshal Zhukov recalled his wartime association with President Eisenhower, whom he termed "my colleague in the defeat of Fascist Germany and in the Control Council in Berlin."

He sent his good wishes to the President and said, "I am sure that he will remember our common assurances concerning the peaceful intentions of our countries and will do his best to promote practically the cause of peace."

GETTING ALONG

Marshal Zhukov appeared indirectly to be responding to statements President Eisenhower made at a news conference on February 9, in which he warmly recalled his wartime friendship with the Marshal.

The President said at the time that he and Marshal Zhukov developed a "practice of getting along" while they were governing Berlin.

Mr. Eisenhower also raised the possibility that he might invite the new Russian Defence Minister to visit the United States.

It was Marshal Zhukov's first personal message to the President since he became Defence Minister on February 9. He also saluted "the American people and their Army."

"I am glad to take the opportunity to convey to the American people friendly greetings and good wishes from the peoples of the Soviet Union," said the 500-word message.

"I would also like to convey best wishes to the American soldiers, officers and generals together with whom we fought so successfully against Fascist Germany."

In a message unusually conciliatory, Marshal Zhukov said his country believed that world peace could be secured only through the co-operation and understanding of the United States, Britain and Russia.

"In seeking the peace, the peoples rested their hopes on the United Nations," said Marshal Zhukov. "But unfortunately, the hopes of the peoples have not in full come true."

He recalled that at the end of World War II the people of the world believed that the war would be followed by lasting peace.

"Ten years ago the statesmen of the USA, the USSR and Britain, concluded their joint meeting in the Crimea, with the following words:

"Only by continuing and growing co-operation and understanding among our three countries and among all the peace-loving peoples can the highest aspiration of humanity be realized—a secure and lasting peace."

"Excellent words. Somebody perhaps doesn't like these words now? We like them very much, as undoubtedly do all the peoples struggling for peace."

DON'T WANT WAR
Marshal Zhukov said the common people of the world did not want war.

"They do not want the atomic, hydrogen and bacteriological weapons to be dropped on their heads."

Aussies Will Be Billeted In Singapore

Singapore, April 19.

An Army spokesman here said that Australian troops coming to fight in Malaya will first spend some time in Singapore's Selarang barracks on the east coast of the island.

He said the troops would move up to the Malayan mainland later but no decision has been made about where they will establish permanent headquarters.

One report said that the Australians would be sent to reinforce the Royal Scots Fusiliers on the Singapore border but the Army spokesman denied this.

The Australians are not expected here before September and detailed discussions are still going on between the British and Australian Governments.

homes, on either New York or Moscow, London or Paris, they don't want their children, mothers and wives to perish," he said.

But, he added, certain "politicians" were trying to prompt the idea that war is inevitable and were advocating preventive war.

"We consider that the international tension cannot be reduced, the suspiciousness cannot be liquidated and the armament race cannot be stopped without having ceased the policy... of economic and political discrimination of the peoples."

"How is it possible to stop the armament race and to liquidate suspiciousness while brandishing the atom bomb, building military bases around an imaginary enemy and threatening (him) with the possibility of razing him to the ground?" asked Marshal Zhukov.

"How is it possible to speak about the sovereignty of the people without liquidating the military bases and without withdrawing the occupying forces from their territories and without putting an end to the interference with their internal affairs?"

AWARDS DINNER

Marshal Zhukov's message was addressed to Kathryn Cravens, Chairman of the Club's Annual Awards Dinner, which was held tonight. He said he believed the Press could play an important part in establishing peace and understanding among the peoples of the world.

"I wish you fruitful activities for the benefit of peace and friendship among the peoples," said Marshal Zhukov—United Press.

PRESSMAN ASSAULTED IN SAIGON

Saigon, Apr. 19.

The International Press Correspondents Association protested strongly to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem today against the arrest, beating and imprisonment last night of United Press correspondent Boule Guilbert.

Vietnamese Police guarding the restricted zone around Mr. Diem's presidential palace stopped Mr. Guilbert at 11 p.m. as he was en route to the French General Commissariat.

They exhibited his credentials and then refused to let him go. Two more car-loads of Police arrived shortly after this and hauled Mr. Guilbert to jail under the threat of sub-machine guns and clubs.

He was beaten, kicked in the kidneys and his clothes were torn. The Police kept him in jail for three hours, along with beggars, prostitutes and Binh Xuyen thugs before releasing him early today.

The International Press Correspondents Association met this afternoon and unanimously filed a formal protest with Mr. Diem. The protest expressed "sad surprise, as the treatment suffered by Mr. Guilbert who was



When a giant fish lorry—loaded with 15 tons of herrings crashed on the road at Furgardson, near Randers, Jutland—the consignment of fish landed in the garden of Svend 'Aage' Moller.

Picture shows: The scene showing thousands of herrings in the garden after being thrown from the crashed lorry.—Express Photo.

Russian Move To Snarl Paris Pacts

Washington, Apr. 19.

American experts today interpreted the Soviet proposal for a meeting soon in Vienna of Big Four Foreign Ministers and an Austrian representative to expedite an Austrian State Treaty as a last, hurried attempt to snarl the Paris agreements.

Spokesmen here showed no surprise that the Soviets wished to follow up last week's Moscow talks between Austrian Chancellor Dr. Julius Raab and Soviet leaders, but they were intrigued by the unusual haste of the USSR.

It was probably a Soviet ruse against time to prevent the application of the Paris agree-

ments returning arms to West Germany, they felt.

The spokesmen indicated that Washington would probably wait to answer the Soviet note until it had assessed the true meaning of last week's Moscow talks and until it had consulted at length with Austrian officials and the other Western Powers.

CONSULT ALLIES

French diplomatic quarters said today France will consult its allies as to what follow-up will be given to the Soviet.

It is believed here the United States, British and French Ambassadors in Vienna will meet to discuss the problem.

The French Government is studying the Soviet note, these quarters said.

They recalled that the Big Three Western Governments sent a note to the Austrian Government last April 5 in which they suggested that Big Four talks be held in Vienna if and when the Soviet Government had any new proposals to make.—France-Press.

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Archbishop Makarios (third from left, front), Greek Orthodox Church leader in Cyprus and head of "Enosis" (Union with Greece Movement)—seen when he watched "Freedom" Parade held recently in Cyprus. On his right (white beard) is Bishop of Kitium, the anti-British second-in-command to Makarios.—Express Photo.

Yalta Documents Leak

Released By State Dept. Official

Washington, Apr. 19.

The man who leaked American documents on the 1945 Big Three Yalta Conference to one newspaper correspondent and this precipitated the release to the rest of the Press was Carl McCordle, Assistant Secretary of State, the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, now investigating the leak of March 15 to the New York Times, Chief James B. Reston, Mr Dulles said that Mr McCordle had acted on his own initiative, but had violated no security rule.

"UK NOT OPPOSED"

Mr Dulles continued to say that he (Dulles) had thought that when the "leak" took place, the British Government was no longer opposed to the publication of the documents.

Mr Dulles continued his testimony before the Senate Committee to make four points:
1. He had never doubted the usefulness of publishing the history of the Yalta Conference, and this opinion had, in fact, apparently been shared by some of his predecessors in the office of Secretary of State—Edward Stettinius, James Byrnes and Dean Acheson.
2. He had judged March an opportune moment for the pub-

North London Suicide

London, Apr. 19.

A young widow told a London inquest today that she seized a riding whip to drive off her husband who was trying to kill her and their baby in a fit of frenzy at their north London flat.

"He went into the pantry screaming — it sounded like a mad scream — and I thought he was hysterical."
The woman, Mrs. Constance Harrison, said: "I fetched my riding whip and I hit his hand with it and tried to stop him."
Later the husband, Ralph Harrison, 38, coal and shipping company administrator, tried to strangle her and the baby but she eventually grabbed the child and locked herself in the bathroom. Then she heard the sound of breaking glass.

Harrison, who threw himself out of the flat window, killed himself while the balance of his mind was disturbed, the coroner decided. — China Mail Special.

WAS BOY VICTIM OF HUMAN VAMPIRES?

Calcutta, Apr. 19.
The Calcutta Police Detective Department is attempting to unravel the problem of whether a 10-year-old boy found dead in a pond recently was the victim of a gang of human vampires.

The boy's father told the police that he believed the lad died after a member of the gang had sucked his blood. He added there were marks of skin punctures on one of the boy's ankles and also on the right elbow.

The father, Anil Kumar Bhattacharya, said he believed the killer might belong to a sect of "Hindu mendicants who practise hypnotism and are called 'Tantrik Pratikyas'."

The night before the boy disappeared, he said, a man had hypnotised his son through the window and tried to entice him from the house. The boy's mother, he said, had forcibly prevented him from following the hypnotist.

The police had earlier arrested two men described as appearing to be mendicants on the complaint of the father of another eight-year-old boy, who said a man had doped him with a chloroformed handkerchief applied to his face and locked him in a room.

Walked Out Of Gaol

Rangoon, Apr. 19.
Two Communist prisoners walked out of the local gaol here, using forged release papers.

Embarrassed gaol officials realised their mistake when the district magistrate called for the appearance in court today of the two men.

It was understood that the accomplices of the two prisoners had arrived at the gaol to collect their friends, carrying forged release papers supposed to have been signed by two well-known local magistrates. — France-Press.

Israeli Patrol Enters Egyptian Territory

UN IGNORES JEWISH DEMAND

Gaza, Apr. 19.

The Egyptian Command today announced the second border clash in two days between Israeli and Egyptian forces in the region of Rafah in West Gaza.

A communique said an Israeli patrol penetrated 50 metres into Egyptian-held territory at 0600 GMT today and was stopped by an Egyptian patrol.

Both sides exchanged fire for 15 minutes before the Israelis withdrew, the communique said.

The Egyptian patrol suffered no casualties and losses to the Israeli side were not known, it added.

Major Abbas Sidky, Egyptian representative to the Mixed Armistice Commission, has filed a complaint with United Nations truce observers, the communique said.

The Egyptian Army Command later announced another border flare-up took place tonight.

It said two Israeli armoured cars fired mortar shells for 20 minutes on an advanced Egyptian outpost near Bureil, southeast of Gaza.

The Egyptians did not return the fire, nor did they suffer any casualties.

Colonel Charles Brewster, Chairman of the Israeli-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, called an emergency meeting of the Commission for tomorrow to discuss the dynamiting on Sunday of a house in Zakariya Village in the Jerusalem corridor.

NO FORMAL ACTION
In New York, the United Nations Security Council today ignored an Israeli demand for condemnation of Egyptian border violations in Palestine and without formal action called on both sides to co-operate in restoring frontier order.

The United States, Britain, Russia, New Zealand and Belgium set forth the Council's majority viewpoint that no new action by the Council was called for despite an Israeli warning that failure to condemn Egypt would be a "discriminatory course of action."

The Council was discussing an Israeli complaint of "persistent aggression" by Egypt. The majority took the stand that the March 29 and 30 resolutions, which condemned Israel for an attack on an Egyptian garrison in the Gaza frontier strip and called on both sides to co-operate with the UN truce chief in implementing a four-point programme to tighten border security, had created proper conditions for settling differences along the Egyptian-Israeli demarcation line.

Swedish Merchant Navy Officers Strike

Stockholm, Apr. 19.

The Swedish Merchant Navy Officers Association today called a "strike" by resignation to enforce its claims for higher wages and pensions. By telegram the Association instructed all its 3,000 members—masters, mates and radio officers—serving on 700 ships—to send their resignation notices to their employers and to leave their ships at the first North European port at which they can once their notices have ended.

The Officers Association said that it would pay every officer for the journey from his port of resignation to his home town.

The Association rejected a seven per cent increase in starting salaries and a new pension scheme proposed by an arbitration commission. — Reuter.

Cocaine And Opium Trade Increases

United Nations, Apr. 19.

International traffic in opium and cocaine has considerably increased recently, a report by the International Police Commission, published here, said.

However, the report said that illegal trade of morphine and heroin has gone down.

The United Nations Drug Commission will discuss shortly the report at its coming meeting.

JOINT ACTION
The report gave details of a recent joint action by the American, Greek, Lebanese, Turkish and Syrian police which led to the arrest of some 12 drug traders and the seizure of large amounts of hashish, opium and morphine.

Opium smuggling into Egypt through Israel is carried on by mixed Egyptian-Israeli bands, the report said. It also revealed that China is one of the biggest traders in opium. — France-Press.

Nairobi, Apr. 19.
The Court of Appeal here today refused to interfere with a sentence of three years' hard labour for manslaughter imposed at Meru two months ago on Robert Midere, Assistant Supervisor of Schools, at the Meru district mission.

Midere was one of six men alleged to have been in a bus, a screening camp, when a Mau Mau suspect received a beating from which he later died.

Midere was acquitted of murder but found guilty of manslaughter. The other five men, all former Mau Mau, were acquitted. — China Mail Special.

Gen. Templer Leaves Uganda



Kampala, Apr. 19.
General Sir Gerald Templer left by air for London tonight after a four-day visit to Uganda during which he had discussions with the acting Governor, Mr C. H. Thorniley, and the East African Commander-in-Chief, Sir George Erskine, who flew from Nairobi for the talks.

General Templer said his visit was one of a series concerned with the administration and organisation of the colonial armed forces.—Reuter.

CHILDREN'S FUND

Hongkong Contribution

United Nations, Apr. 19.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) announced that 23 Governments, including Hongkong, have contributed \$6,360,000 to the Fund this year.

Four Governments are making their first contributions to UNICEF, including the Lebanon with \$4,600, Libya \$2,000, the Saar \$28,571, and Antigua, a United Kingdom territory in the West Indies, \$117.

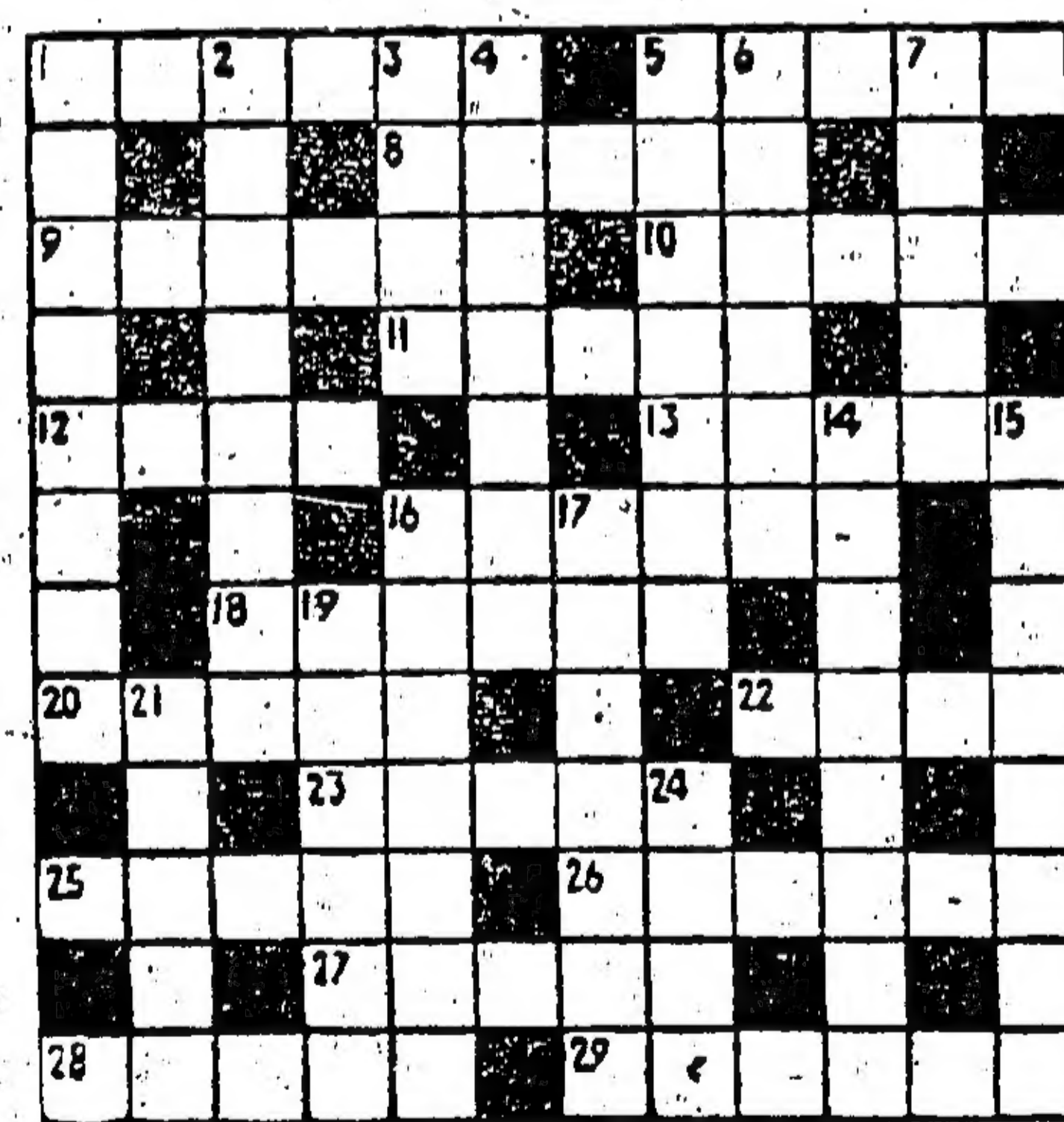
Finland more than tripled its 1954 contribution with a gift of \$21,739 and Iceland gave \$6,139, double its share last year.

Other recent contributions include Burma \$50,000, Ceylon \$7,497, Ethiopia \$8,000, Hongkong \$3,500, Malaya \$24,500, Peru \$78,947, Sarawak \$8,167, Thailand \$50,000 and Turkey \$26,786.

Previously announced contributions include the United States \$4,200,000, the United Kingdom \$560,000, Austria \$30,759, the Dominican Republic \$20,000, India \$336,000, Pakistan \$75,562, Switzerland \$183,800 and Yugoslavia \$200,000.

Twelve more governments have pledged a total of \$1,800,000 subject to parliamentary confirmation.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Refreshment bar (6).
5 Went wrong (7).
9 Stadium (5).
13 Atmospheric phenomenon (8).
16 Weary (5).
17 Ancestors (5).
18 London district (4).
19 Reposes (5).
20 Shy (5).
21 Worshipped (6).
22 Sing like the Swiss (5).
23 Taut (5).
24 Mulets (5).
25 Show clearly (6).
27 Look fixedly (5).
28 Encumbers (5).
29 Trailers (6).

DOWN
1 Stridently (8).
2 Brow (6).
3 Hearing organs (4).
4 Renegade (7).
5 Came in (7).
6 Hoists (6).
7 Turn inside out (5).
14 Stretched tight (8).
15 Quell (6).
16 Interferes with (7).
17 Fruit course (5).
18 Loxche (6).
21 Suppose (5).
24 Always (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Spin, 7 Plump, 8 Exit, 9 Pose, 10 Brittle, 12 Doll, 15 Aroma, 18 Stud, 19 Leads, 21 Allen, 22 Alma, 23 Kedge, 26 Hang, 28 Banners, 30 Room, 31 Coma, 32 Renew, 33 Buys, Down: 1 Alarm, 2 Initiate, 4 Proem, 5 Need, 6 Bill, 8 Plot, 11 Trunk, 13 Onus, 14 Last, 16 Align, 17 Rash, 18 Sign, 20 Amended, 22 Adam, 24 Ebony, 25 Green, 27 Aye, 28 Grab.

In the shadow

By W. STANLEY MOSS



"I took the third candle in the rack."

THE plan was a simple one. I would go down to the church at Daphnaia every Sunday, and there the messages would be waiting, hidden inside a candle near the altar.

The priest drew a little diagram showing which socket the candle would be put into; and all I would have to do would be to remove the candle, as one does in the Greek Orthodox service, and take the message from a hole in the bottom of it.

Up till now I had kept in constant touch with the priest, either by going to his house in the early hours of the morning or else, if things were difficult, by sending for him to meet me at some rendezvous among the foothills of Mount Ida.

He was a fine-looking man, tall, long-bearded, and pious of countenance, yet he was able disarmingly to mingle a warlike spirit with the more peaceful requirements of his calling. Each flower-pot upon his porch concealed a primed hand-grenade, there was a crucifix at the head of his bed and an old Turkish rifle beneath it, and within his prie-dieu you could take your pick of either Holy Scriptures or cartons of .38 ammunition.

Thanks to the information he had provided, we had been able

to follow the day-to-day progress of German workings on the new aerodrome down in the plain; but now, suddenly, he had discovered that he was under suspicion, and it was therefore vital that all meetings between the two of us should cease. Moreover, he suspected that there was a traitor—a man named Bouraalis—actually living in the same village, and this made doubly urgent the necessity for him to lie low for the time being.

He had managed to find someone, he said, who was willing to take over his job. "But I prefer not to tell you who this person is," he continued, "because there is always the chance that you might get caught." My consequent look of injured pride caused him to smile indulgently. "Once a man is

caught by the Gestapo," he said, "the less he knows the better—because he always spills the beans in the end, however brave he thinks he is going to be."

Plenty of time

I said nothing; indeed, there was nothing to be said.

"In any case," he continued, stroking his beard, "there's no need for you to know your opposite number, because the two of you will never meet. The other one will come to the church and put the message into the bottom of the candle, and during the service you will take up the candle and hold it in the normal manner. There'll be plenty of time for you to remove the message from the hole in the bottom."

It was as simple as that. I left the priest's house that night and made my way up the goat-track which led to our hide-out in the mountains, and it was a long time before I spoke to him again. I used to see him often—every Sunday at the church—but we never exchanged a word, nor did any look of recognition ever pass between us.

17 people...

The first Sunday it was exciting, because I knew that among the 17 people who had come to the service was the person who had brought the message. It was interesting, almost maddening, trying to guess who he was; and as time went on I found that every member of the congregation—even the humblest shepherd—had a look of mystery about him. Bouraalis, the traitor, was there, too, and I found cold comfort in the knowledge that he, at least, was not my opposite number. There were also a girl and an old woman standing quite close to me, and I was fairly certain that it could not have been either of them.

Presently, when the time came to go and fetch a candle, I went to the pillar nearest the altar and took the third candle in the rack. Then I went back to my place, and while everybody around me was singing, I took the screwed-up piece of rice-paper from the bottom of the candle and dropped it into my pocket.

Just before the service ended I decided to leave, so I slipped out of the door at a moment when everyone was kneeling with bowed head, and made my way up the cobbled street which led to the goat-track. There I stopped and had a look at the

message. It was in the form of a sketch-map, accurate and carefully drawn, and it told me everything I wanted to know about the workings on the aerodrome. I replaced the paper in my pocket, knelt down to drink from the stream which ran parallel to the track, then set off up the mountain towards the hide-out. And all the way back I was wondering who my unknown colleague was.

It was after seven or eight Sundays that I began to have some idea who the person might be, because there were now only four people in the congregation who had been present every time I had come to the church. One was an elderly shepherd who had skin like the kind that grows on top of a cup of cocoa,

TOMORROW

Did it really happen to...

Sir Compton

Mackenzie



and he was old-fashioned enough to wear an embroidered bolero, a turban, and a broad cummerbund.

Then there was the old woman, dressed all in black and looking very small and dry. And then there was the girl, quite young and pretty, who, I noticed, always brought a large bunch of wild flowers to put beside the altar. And finally there was a good-looking young man who wore a different suit of clothing every time he appeared. He had a Cretan-cut beard, very trim and biblical, of the type which is worn either by students or sheep-thieves. But I began to think that he was the only person likely to have been putting the messages in the candles, because, for one thing, he had an extremely intelligent face, and, for another, he did not look the sort of character who would come to church just to listen to the singing.

All the same, I still wasn't completely sure, and one evening, lying awake under the stars, I even got to thinking that the priest, in spite of what he had told me, was continuing to do the job on his own, and that he

DID IT HAPPEN?

This is the FOURTH story in the China Mail series that will keep you guessing.

had only pretended that he was going to stop operating so that if ever I got caught and tortured by the Gestapo there would be no chance of my betraying him.

For several months I continued sending reports to Cairo, telling headquarters of every piece of information my unknown colleague gave me concerning the building of the new aerodrome. And then, on the very day that the construction was complete and the field was crammed nose-to-tail with every sort of German aircraft, the RAF came over and blew the whole place to smithereens.

Everyone went crazy with excitement and the news spread like wildfire all over the island. This was the best thing to have happened since the German occupation, and when I set off for church on the following Sunday I told myself that unless I was very careful I would find myself walking through the conflagration, congratulating myself that I was not to miss the one person who had been responsible for the whole thing.

A glimpse

But when I reached the top of the cobbled street and looked down at the church, I saw that something was very wrong. There were two German soldiers on either side of the door, and standing between them, smoking a cigarette, was Bouraalis, the traitor. I wasted no time in jumping into the stream, and then I chose a spot behind an oleander bush from where I could watch what was going on below. I guessed there were plenty more Germans inside the church, and the men posted at the door were only there to prevent anyone trying to run away.

It was 10 minutes before anyone came out of the church. First there was an officer, then followed about a dozen soldiers, and in the middle of them they were leading someone who had had a sack tied over his head and shoulders. I tried hard to see who the person was, for I thought I might recognise him by his build, but there were so many soldiers all around him that I had no chance of catching more than a glimpse of the shapeless sack.

Then the officer shouted a command, and in a moment the whole party, including Bouraalis, had marched quickly away down the street and out of sight.

I waited

For several minutes, still standing in the water, I waited, listening to the sound of a heavy German transporter receding up the valley. I could see some of the congregation coming out of the main door of the church, but most of them left by the vestry on the other side, and it was quite some time before I reckoned it was safe to go down and try to break my silence with the priest.

There was no one to be seen as I entered the church, and the whole place looked somehow derelict like a discarded theatrical set. I went and stood in the centre of the floor, my boots squelching out water with each step I took.



Author W. STANLEY MOSS made a war-time reputation in the island of Crete, scene of his story today. The record of how he kidnapped General Klebe, German GOC there, has been told in *Met by Moonlight*, and in *War at Shadows* he described his later adventures as a parashutist-secret agent in Crete, Greece and Siam. At 33 he has been twice round the world and waited the far east three times. He was in Latvia when the war began, came back to join the Coldstream Guards and was a major at 22. In 1942 he married Polish Countess Zosia Tarnowska. They live with their two children in Ireland.

And then, suddenly, I had a strange feeling: I felt that I would be able to find out the answer to everything without having to move from that very spot.

I saw the candle—my candle—still in its place on the rack, but I knew it would be empty. Besides, what message could have been of any importance now?

I must have stood in that spot for quite a long time, because the water from my boots had formed a little puddle and some of it was already trickling away down a slope in the uneven floor.

Then I looked at the altar. I had not expected to find what I wanted there; but it was what I saw now that really shook me. Or, rather, it was what I did not see.

The flowers were missing: there was no bunch of wild flowers beside the altar.

So now I knew. They must have caught her as she had entered the porch. I turned round and went back to the entrance—and there were the flowers, all trampled on, and kicked away into a dark corner.

He nodded

Then I heard someone coming up behind me, and I looked round and saw the priest standing at my back. He said nothing and for a long moment I did not speak either. Then I said: "I would never have guessed it was the girl."

He just nodded. He did not look like a man of God at that moment. He looked like a murderer.

"You must get Bouraalis," he said, in a voice as dead as rock. But when Bouraalis was pushed over a cliff three days later it didn't seem to help very much.

Yesterday's story, "The Jungle House," was FICTION.

NOW has W. Stanley Moss imagined the story he tells today—or did it really happen to him? See tomorrow.

DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

No. 4: In the Shadow.

YES NO

A Calypso By Nat Gubbins

Suggested by Princess Margaret's visit to the Islands of the Calypso, here is a calypso about the Grocer's Ward of the London Hospital, where your Uncle Nat has been a patient.

IN London E.1, Commercial Road, White-chapel, There is a most appalling smell.

Some of it comes from the 'barrow boys' stalls but perhaps. A lot of it comes from unwashed chaps.

But right in the middle of this awful smell There is the lovely London Hospital.

Where people can avoid this horrible smell But really go there because they are not very well. Where they can lie in clean white beds and sniff nothing but flowers and antiseptics. Whether they are suffering from ulcers, tumours, or advanced dyspepsia.

And whether you have your eye in a sling, like me, or just have the gripes. You can't help noticing that the nurses in Grocer's Ward are smashing types. Who make models dressed by Dior.

Look like a bitor. With only one eye I can see that small leg o' mutton sleeves and white collars on girls.

Make them far more attractive than plunging necklines and ropes of pearls. And if you are not feeling fine Who wants to see a plunging neckline? Or snooty, superior girls In pearls?

No wonder when lovely blondes and brunettes feel your pulse you can't be very formal. And no wonder your pulse is hardly ever normal.

Even when they arrive with a needle and give you a jab And say, "One hour from now you will be on the slab." You don't worry much, do you, don't care. Because they have pretty, smiling faces and white caps on their hair.

The Sister, too, through one good eye Looks dark and beaming and as sweet as pie.

She is efficient and kind and if you feel rosey Will soon give you a draught.

It is only when your settees you are properly regaining That you realise it is part of their training. And understand That they hold everybody's hand. And are not thinking "You are the one, you are the one!"

But anyway, "Jolly good, jolly good, jolly good, well done."

AN ESCAPEE'S STORY

RESISTANCE IN ESTONIA

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

OF all the countries behind the Iron Curtain, Estonia is probably the most closely guarded. Fiercely nationalistic, the little country on the Baltic has never been far from revolution.

This week, for the first time in eleven years, Britons got their first eyewitness report on what goes on there.

The story was told by a frightened 20-year-old stevedore, Manivald Rastas.

Rastas had stowed away aboard a ship bound for London, scrambled ashore, and turned himself over to the British police.

After more than three weeks of intensive questioning, British authorities made him a free man and Rastas told his story.

Estonians, he said, never got a chance to find out what goes on in the outside world.

He had never managed to hear a "Voice of America" broadcast or a British Broadcasting Corporation programme. He had never seen a Western newspaper.

At school, he learned no Estonian history, only Russian.

Nearly all the radio programmes he heard were in Russian. The Russians, con-

trary to their policy in most of the areas which have become officially part of the Soviet Union, are trying every means they can find to stamp out the Estonian language.

Nearly all the officials in the country are Russians. At the school he went to, half the pupils were the sons and daughters of Russian officials.

But he was not allowed to associate with them. The Russian policy of "non-fraternisation" is rigidly enforced and, at play time, the children are kept separated.

Only one thing kept hope alive in Rastas—his contact with the "Brothers of the Forest," the Estonian underground organisation which, he says, has thousands of adherents.

Virtually all of them have fled into the dense Baltic forests.

There they ek out a meagre existence, waiting for the day when they will be able to take effective action.

But that contact landed Rastas in trouble. At 19, he was arrested and convicted of being a "dangerous bandit."

After four months, he was transferred to a school for delinquent boys. After two years, he was released and allowed to work as a carpenter.

He moved to the docks and became a stevedore—and waited for his chance to stow away.

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LABOUR'S RANKS ARE DIVIDED

JOHN McKENNA analyses the Election prospects of the Socialists

IN Britain's Socialist circles, hardly anybody seems to like anybody.

In Harrogate, Mrs Annie Maxton, Chairman of the Independent Labour Party—nowadays a splinter group, the remains of the biggest breakaway of "leftists" in Socialist Party history—announced that Aneurin Bevan could expect little support from the ILP.

Said Mrs Maxton: "When I think of Mr Bevan, I think of a little wild rabbit that comes into our garden...he nibbles a bit here, a bit there...then he scuttles away back to his burrow."

And in Liverpool, Labour Party members in the Exchange Division decided they didn't like Mrs Bevan Braddock, as their MP, the Labour Party National Executive decided it didn't like the attitude of the leadership of the Exchange Division, and the leadership of the Exchange Division decided that it still didn't like Mrs Braddock.

Mrs Braddock, well-built thunderer of the Socialist back benches, fell out with her constituents nearly two years ago when she refused to vote for the Bevan line on German rearmament at a party national conference.

The constituents decided they wouldn't nominate her again. The National Executive sent an investigating committee to look into it. The investigators decided that the voters did want Mrs Braddock after all.

But the constituents have never been happy and, last week, aided by Bevanites recruited from nearby Edge Hill, which was recently incorporated into the constituency, they voted to throw Bevan out again—by a margin of one vote.

Once more, the National Executive announced an investigation.

But this week the constituency organisation passed a resolution

saying the decision not to re-nominate Mrs Braddock was "quite in order."

So there.

But the thing may be serious for all that.

There are scores of constituencies where the local party organisations are Bevanite and the MPs are not.

Most of the people who vote Labour are not Bevanites either, but they don't belong to the local party organisations.

The largest group of them are trade unionists, affiliated to the party through their own unions and not through the local party. The rest are not even affiliated to the party.

But in constituencies like Liverpool Exchange the Bevanite minority can nearly veto a candidate, even a candidate like Mrs Braddock, who would probably be almost a sure thing for re-election.

If the game spreads, it looks like more headaches for Mr. Attlee.

Finally, in Gravesend, Sir Richard Acland, the MP who

resigned his seat and his party ticket to fight as an Independent "Ban the H-bomb" candidate, was hanged at work.

But it was a less dogmatic Sir Richard who was blasting his ex-friends in the Socialist Party. It was also a more telling Sir Richard.

He admitted that there were "terrible risks" in the policy he proposed. But he insisted that the alternative involved even more terrible risks.

If Britain built the H-bomb, he said, "we would add nothing to the deterrent value of the bombs already made by the United States and we would enter the arena of hate."

If Britain doesn't build the bomb, he thinks the British chances of "constructive peace-making" would be enhanced.

A slim chance, he admitted. But a chance worth taking.

The official party has no one nearly so persuasive on the issue of nuclear weapons—and a straw poll indicated that it was just possible that Sir Richard would get elected.



We have "big-game" hunters in the spot of honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week and even if their achievement was unexpected and their opponent unusual there is no doubt now that the incident is over they feel very proud of their success.

Actually I am not sure that "big-game" hunter is the term applied to those who tackle large snakes but in this respect I trust that the purists will be tolerant.

The incident took place in a small out-of-the-way location of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and started when a report was received that there was a large, but harmless, snake moving around in one of the sheds. An individual, who incidentally is well-known in athletic circles as a runner, there is no significance in that fact—went into the shed only to find that harmless snake was an up-and-ready King Cobra. The fight was on.

When the snake was finally slain it was found to measure just under 10 feet and the chief hunter now has the skin to prove it. This will make an excellent trophy and will surely provide the meat for many a future story, for snakes, catchers are really very much like anglers in that respect.

The lawn bowls season is now almost upon us and those Army enthusiasts who are fortunate enough to belong to clubs with greens have already been out getting arm and back muscles conditioned for the months ahead.

From time to time I have been asked for information as to whether or not it is possible for those soldiers who are not members of clubs to get a game of bowls.

IMPENDING DEPARTURE

Army sport in Hongkong will be the poorer for the impending departure of two officers who have done a great deal of work in very different spheres. Leaving soon will be Major George Brewer of the Royal Army Education Corps whose personal enthusiasm and understanding skill had the greatest possible influence on fencing affairs in the Colony.

Major Brewer is a swordsman of international repute but he was never jealous of his ability, and the more novice could always be assured of helpful advice and sympathetic encouragement from him.

During his tenure here he gave up much of his spare time to furthering the interests of his chosen sport in Army and civilian circles, and his mastery of the techniques in foil, epee and sabre meant that he was in regular demand, not only as a competitor, but also as an adjudicating official.

Fencing is a grand old sport and Major Brewer's contribution to its improvement here will be perpetuated in the trophy which now bears his name.

The other departing officer is Captain Gordon Crompton of the Royal Army Pay Corps who will be leaving at the same time as Major Brewer. Captain Crompton has been most active member of the various sporting organisations of the CPO and both in shooting and in bayonet fencing he did much to encourage the young soldiers who came under his control.

DISAPPOINTED BOXER

The most disappointed boxer in the Army contingent which returned from Singapore aboard the "Dunera" was Cpl. Hilton of the North Staffs. Hilton was confident that he had won his bout comfortably and his opinion was strongly endorsed by many of the other boxers in the party who said that they were shocked when the decision against him was announced.

According to reports Hilton was given a lot of sympathy by neutral observers on the spot who were of the opinion that he had apparently been a clear winner.

Everyone in the party was loud in his praise of both Jones and Betton who brought back the Lightweight and Welter-

weight titles respectively. One comment, common to many reports, was that Jones' left hook was the highlight of the whole tournament and it was said that he hit too hard and too often for his opponents to stay very long in the same ring.

Many of the boxers completed entry forms for the Colony Championships immediately on arrival and particular interest will be taken in the appearance of Jones in this competition.

The HKABA has inaugurated its scheme for the training of officials and Sergeant Major Instructor Phillips, APTC, has agreed to assist in this work. The student officials will be given an opportunity to work without official status of course—during the Colony championships and Mr Phillips will be in attendance to see that they are advised along the right lines.

I am told that the Army's assistance in this matter is much appreciated by the Boxing Association which is now making a big effort to improve the whole boxing picture in the Colony.

NEW CHAMPIONS

In congratulating the new Champions Major Chubb also paid a fitting tribute to the generosity of the club in granting Army cricketers so many facilities for practice and for matches. The good relations that exist between KCC and the Army were well demonstrated in the various speeches that were made during the evening.

While on the subject of cricket I have been asked by the Secretary of the Army Cricket Association to remind all soldier cricketers that the annual dance of the Hongkong Cricket League is being held at the Craignewton Cricket Club on Friday, April 29 and it is hoped that as many Army representatives as possible will attend. Tickets are \$7.50 (including supper) and may be had from the Army Secretary.

The heat and bright sunshine brought out the crowds to the Sek Kong Swimming Pool at the week-end and the children in particular had the time of their young lives. This pool continues to prove a boon to the servicemen and their families who are living in the district and is just about the most important relaxation rendezvous of those who are stationed in the New Territories.

The Combined Services athletes gave a good account of themselves in the annual meeting against the Combined Civilian at Kai Tak at the weekend. The outstanding performance of the day went to Gnr. Roy Bell whose unexpected success in the 440 yards hurdles was only one-tenth of a second outside the Colony record. Other fine shows by soldier competitors was Gnr. Tullion's 15.56 in the Three Miles while another good win was registered by versatile Cfr Grant in the One Mile Walk.

Capt. Hunter of the RAMC put up a most creditable effort in the High Jump when he got over the bar at 5'8". This jump however has to be measured against the fact that Capt. Hunter has no opportunity for training and in view of the short notice he was not in the sort of condition and requires for such meetings and against such opposition.

.....and finally a few topical snippets. The Army representative soccer season is now over but Beveridge, Hayes, Crompton, Walters, Morris, Murray and Wainwright in the Combined Services side for Victory Cup match on Saturday. Army sportsmen lost two good friends when QMSI Cocks and S/Sgt. Johnstone of the APTC left at the week-end. Caldwell Cup Final between 42 Fd. Regt. RA and 21 Fd. Regt. RA at 3 p.m. Wan. This afternoon at 3 p.m. Army golfers close their season with the annual Combined Services versus RASC match at Fanning on Sunday next.

JAPANESE AND CZECHS TO MEET IN THE SWAYTHLING CUP FINAL

Utrecht, Apr. 19.
Japan, the holders, will meet Czechoslovakia in the final of the Swaythling Cup men's team event of the World Table Tennis Championships here tomorrow.

Czechoslovakia defeated England 5-1 and Japan beat Hungary 5-4 in tonight's semi-finals.

England's women's team meet Rumania following today's final pool matches in which Rumania beat Japan 3-2 and Japan beat England 3-1.

Japan's defeat of England leaves the Corbillion Cup, which Japan is also defending, in an interesting state. England, by beating Rumania, could level up the series with one win to each of the three countries concerned in the inter-group play-off.

The Corbillion Cup match between Japan and England was a battle between Fujie Eguchi and Kikio Watanabe for Japan and the twins, Diane and Rosalind Rowe.

The Rowes, who will be defending their title in the

individual events of the Championships, beat the Japanese girls in the doubles for England's only win.

In the singles, the hard-hitting Japanese were superior, however, and deserved their three victories.

RESULTS Swaythling Cup

Individual results in the Swaythling Cup semi-final between Japan and Hungary were (Japanese names first):
T. Tanaka beat K. Szepesi 21-15, 21-9.
Y. Tomita lost to F. Sido 11-21, 9-21.
I. Ogimura lost to J. Koczian 21-15, 19-21, 18-21.
Tanaka lost to F. Sido 13-21, 21-19, 17-21.
Ogimura beat Szepesi 21-16, 21-15.
Tomita beat Koczian 21-7, 17-21, 21-12.
Ogimura lost to Sido 27-29, 21-19, 15-21.
Tanaka beat Miezian 21-12, 19-21, 21-14.

CORBILLON CUP

Details on the England-Japan match with English names first were:
Rosalind Rowe lost to Fujie Eguchi 19-21, 23-21, 8-21.
Diane Rowe lost to Kikio Watanabe 12-21, 10-21.
Rosalind and Diane Rowe beat Eguchi and Watanabe 10-21, 21-9, 21-13.
Rosalind Rowe lost to Watanabe 16-21, 21-8, 10-21.—Reuter.

Sword Club Win Foil League

The last two matches in the Hongkong Fencing League have been fought at St. Stephen's Girls College on Saturday. Chinese Red defeated R.A.F. Little Swan by 21-4, and on Monday at the Central Police Gymnasium, Chinese Black defeated the Hongkong Police by 18 wins to 7. By this victory Chinese Black ended as runners-up in the competition, final placings of which are:

Standings	P	W	L	F	A
HK Sword Club	5	10	0	73	44
Chinese Black	5	8	0	67	41
Chinese Red	5	3	2	34	30
HK Police	5	2	3	24	30
R.A.F. Little Swan	5	0	5	22	100

Tanaka lost to Zeller 21-14, 16-21, 20-22.—Reuter.

CORBILLON CUP

Rumanians Drive Japanese Girls To Tears

Utrecht, Apr. 19.
There were tears in the Japanese camp after the Corbillion Cup match with Rumania. None of the three Japanese players could utter a word as they sat dejected on their bench before the table where a devastating blow against their chances of retaining the title had been struck them.

"What a disappointment," murmured Japanese coach Hasegawa, his face reflecting his words.

It was some minutes before he could recover to be able to express his feeling.

"We had planned on winning one of the two first matches and the doubles. We figured we could win one of the last two singles. Thus when things shaped the way we had figured I was very satisfied. What happened next was a shock to me," he said.

"The main reason for our defeat is that Tanaka, on whom we counted most and who was our major hope, was mentally and physically tired after the strain of the past four days."

Tanaka, with tears, could not even talk and she merely shook

her head sadly as she was asked what happened.

"That girl Zeller is a dangerous player. I saw her play in Stockholm last November and she was excellent then. I think Tanaka's tactics were not very wise. She should have been more aggressive instead of falling into the trap of playing Zeller's game," commented world champion Ogimura.—United Press.

Details of the Japan-Rumania match with Japanese names mentioned first were:
Fujie Eguchi beat Ella Zeller 21-19, 21-7, Yoshiko Tanaka lost to Angelica Rozeanu 16-21, 21-19, 9-21.

Fujie Eguchi and Kikio Watanabe beat Ella Zeller and Angelica Rozeanu 21-15, 21-13.

Eguchi lost to Rozeanu 13-21, 16-21.

Tanaka lost to Zeller 21-14, 16-21, 20-22.—Reuter.

Victoria Club Callovers

London, Apr. 19.

Closing odds at the callovers at the Victoria Club here tonight on the 2000 Guineas and the Derby were:

2000 GUINEAS

One mile, Newmarket, April 27:

7-1 Beau Prince; 9-1 Ballymagill; 10-1 Tasterlane, Our Babu, America and Flying Story; 100-8 Alexander and Acropolis; 100-7 Soleil Royal; 100-6 Marwar, Gladiator and True Cavalier; 20-1 Hugh Lupus and Royal Palm; 25-1 Nonchalance, State Trumpeter and Kildron; 33-1 Sunstar and Lyndale.

THE DERBY

One and a half miles, Epsom, May 25:

6-1 Acropolis; 100-7 Tasterlane and Beau Prince II; 100-6 Alexander, Olean II, Solarium, America, True Cavalier, Half II and Daemon; 20-1 Marwar, Hugh Lupus, State Trumpeter, Our Babu and Oyster Bay; 25-1 Shikar II, Kokkubura and My Foot; 32-1 Noble Chieftain; 50-1 Rowland Ward.

Next session on both races—Wednesday April 20.—Reuter.

A HYMN FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Monk-Carlo, Monaco, Apr. 19.

A hymn for the Olympic Games will be chosen here at a gala evening at Opera next Sunday, it was announced today. Organisers of the Olympic Games have long felt that the international sports event should have its own hymn.

Prince Pierre of Monaco launched a campaign for the hymn and reigning Prince Rainier III offered a 1,000 dollar prize for the winning composition.

Three hundred and 87 entries were received in the contest but all but 50 were eliminated by a jury last February. The selection of the winning hymn will be announced on Sunday.—United Press.

HOME RUGGER

London, Apr. 19.

Results of Rugby matches played tonight were:

RUGBY LEAGUE	
Derbyshire	0 Huddersfield 42
York	19 Castleford 7
RUGBY UNION	
Falmouth	3 Ebbw Vale 28
Bristol	0 Bath 3

China Mail Special.

ROY BELL'S GREATEST RACE



It may be that Roy Bell will improve still further, but his 61.5 seconds effort in the 440 Yards Hurdles at Kai Tak on Sunday was his greatest race and was also the fastest Low Hurdles time posted in this Colony since J. McNab's 61.4 seconds for the 440 Yards and 61.3 seconds for the 400 Metres Lows at Sookunpoo and Caroline Hill respectively in 1951.

The trio representing the Civilian were all reserves, but they combined to give Bell quite a snap of the field taking the last hurdle shows. On the left of Bell is Samuel Lo, the DES schoolboy who on his first ever attempt at the Low Hurdles clocked 62.0 seconds for a Standard Medal, and on the right are Cheung Chek-yin, who may even have finished first or pushed Bell to faster time if he hadn't lost his balance clearing the ninth hurdle. He is not taking the 10th too cleanly either as the picture shows. On the extreme right is Leung Kam-ching, a good hurdler with no sense of pace who showed, too, that he wasn't going to be outclassed by the best.—China Mail Photo.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Kansas City Athletics Nose Out American League Champions

New York, Apr. 19.
The Kansas City Athletics staged a five-run rally in the last half of the ninth inning today to delight a hometown crowd of 14,000 with an 8-7 victory over the American League Champions, Cleveland Indians.

Centerfielder Bill Wilson singled with the score tied 7-7, the bases filled and two out to climax the rally and give the Athletics their first victory since opening day. The Athletics dropped five straight games after beating the Detroit Tigers in their Major League debut.

The Milwaukee Braves took advantage of four walks in the eighth inning to beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2 in the only other afternoon game. A double header between Washington and Boston and Pittsburgh's single game at New York were rained out.

Cincinnati is at St. Louis and Brooklyn at Philadelphia in night games.

LOOKED BEATEN

The Athletics looked like a badly beaten team when they came to bat in the ninth inning. Rookie Herb Score had limited them to five hits and struck out nine batters. And the Indians had given their prize rookie a 7-3 lead with the aid of Al Rose's second homer of the game in the eighth inning and a two-run shot by Ralph Kiner in the ninth.

Wilson opened the inning, however, by drawing a walk. Joe DeMaestri singled and Wilmer Shantz followed with a double to cut Cleveland's margin to 7-4 with none out. Mike Garcia, a 19-game winner last season, replaced Score but failed to halt the Athletics and eventually suffered his first defeat of the season.

Garcia struck out Bill Stewart, the first batter he faced, but Vic Power tripled to drive in DeMaestri and Shantz and bring the Athletics to within a run of a tie. Pinch-hitter Elmer Valos doubled tied the score and put the potential winning run in scoring position whereupon Jim Fingen was promptly passed.

Gus Zernial looked at a third strike but Bill Renna beat out a hit down the third base line and Wilson followed with the game-winning hit.

RETIRED LAST TWO

Charley Bishop, who retired the last two Indians in the ninth, received credit for the triumph.

Bob Rush suddenly lost his control and walked Bill Bruton, Eddie Mathews, Joe Adcock and Johnny Logan in the eighth inning to force in the winning run and give the Braves their

Jap Runner Wins Boston Marathon

Boston, Apr. 19.

Hideo Hamamura, a 26-year-old Law student from Japan today won the 59th Annual Boston AA Marathon in the record time of two hours 18 minutes 22 seconds—beating by 23 seconds the course mark set by his fellow countryman Keizo Yadam in 1953.

Hamamura crossed the finishing line in the 26 miles 385 yards race from Hopkinton to Boston ahead of Finland's Eino Pulkkinen. The Finn's time was two hours 19 minutes 23 seconds.

In third place was America's Nick Costes. His time was 2:19:57.

Fourth was Finland's Paavo Kotila in 2:20:16, then came Argentina's Reinaldo Gorno in 2:20:28.

Powerful Hamamura from Yamaguchi conquered the hills in a stirring late run.

Trading by 200 yards going into the series of three hills which start 10 miles from the end of the 26 miles 385 yards classic course Hamamura roared up the grades, gaining ground steadily.

Then he hit the steady down-grade which covers most of the

final six miles and never let up. He passed Costes who had led most of the way slightly over three miles from the finish. He won by 250 yards over Pulkkinen.

A chill overcast day for the race which started in misty rain proved perfect for the record-smashing performance.

Others of the top ten finishers today were Gustaf Jansson of Sweden, sixth; Yoshitaka Uchikawa and Sadaki Tanabe of Japan seventh and eighth; E. Eustamente of Argentina, ninth and Rodolfo Mendez of Brooklyn, tenth.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

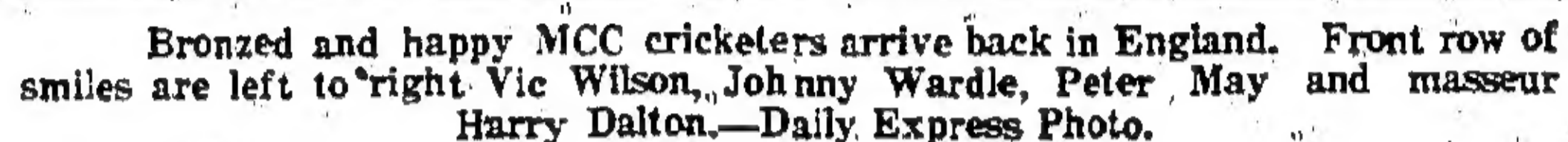
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original proposal of dates from September 2-11 subsided as the protests mounted.—United Press

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 J.A. Soares v Bill Funk.
 Senior Men's Doubles. — 8.30 p.m.
 M. Ebrahim and P.V. Yap v Wong
 Wai-hung and G. Ma.
 Senior Mixed Doubles. — 8.30 p.m.
 Junior Pomeroy and Miss B. Remedios
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Chou's Bandung Speech Was 'Moderate'

REASSURING SMALLER ASIAN NATIONS

Bandung, Apr. 19.

Many delegates to the Asian-African conference here considered the Chinese Communist Prime Minister's policy speech at today's session as "moderate."

Mr Chou's speech was evidently aimed at assuaging the fears of smaller Asian countries about Communist China's expansionist intentions, diplomatic observers said.

They noted that Mr Chou was at pains to stress that the Communist and non-Communist Governments at the conference should "seek common ground while keeping differences."

RELIGIOUS NEIGHBOURS
He tried to reassure the non-Communist representa-
tives, many of whom are
devoutly religious, that there
was freedom of religion in
China despite the Commu-
nists being atheists.

Communist China had no in-
tention to subvert the govern-
ments of its neighbours over the
problem of dual nationality of
overseas Chinese, he said.

Non-Communist observers, who
thought that his speech was
primarily meant for trying to
woo the uncommitted Asian and
African nations in the East-West
cold war, were surprised by his
remark that there was no
"bamboo curtain" and uncon-

vined by his references to the
United States for being respon-
sible for tension in the Far East
area.

Most of the delegates heard
the Chinese Prime Minister
speak for the first time and to-
night were analysing his speech.

JAPANESE PROPOSALS
Japan, largest Asian in-
dustrial power, has made
several proposals on econo-
mic development and ex-
changes to the Asian and
African conference here.

Authoritative sources said that
its development proposals in-
cluded the co-ordination of in-
dividual economic develop-
ment plans of the countries of the
Asian and African region and
the promotion of technical co-
operation.

For improvement and expan-
sion of trade she has suggested
increased exchanges of samples
and information and the hold-
ing of trade fairs.

In the cultural sphere she has
suggested that an "Asian-African
social and cultural prize" be
awarded annually to the best
work of performance designed
to promote the cultural advance-
ment of the region, "cradle of
the world's oldest civilisation."

The Japanese delegation has
stated that the promotion of
cultural exchanges was of the
utmost importance as a means
of preventing international dis-
putes.

In Moscow the Soviet Govern-
ment newspaper Izvestia
declared that the conference
represents "over half of
humanity, that very half which
is awakening more and more to
humanity and free life."

Izvestia, quoted by the official
Tass news agency, said "the
imperialist powers are looking
upon Asian and African coun-
tries as military springboards
and purveyors of strategic raw
materials and manpower."

"The aggressive circles are
working feverishly to knock
together military alignments,
blooms and alliances in the Far
East, in Southeast Asia, in the
Near and Middle East."

"The people of Asia and
Africa are realising ever more
clearly that without ensuring
peace and mutual co-operation
it is impossible to uphold and
strengthen their independence.
It is impossible to ensure con-
ditions for the political, economic
and cultural development of
their countries."

CHINESE VIEWPOINT
An article on the con-
ference in the Chinese Com-
munist newspaper Kwang-
ming Daily said today that
"the Soviet Union, China and
other peoples' democracies
are firmly opposed to any
form of racial discrimination
and national oppression,"
the Communist New China
Agency said.

Racial discrimination had
"become a part of the capitalist
reactionary domestic policy and
their imperialist colonialist
policy against other nations,"
the article said.

"Now there is an unprece-
dented upsurge in the move-
ment for equality, freedom and
genuine independence among
the mass of discriminated and
persecuted races and nations in
Asia, Africa and other areas,"
the article added.

"In these circumstances it is
only natural that the Afro-
Asian conference will put the
problems of racialism and
colonialism on its agenda,"
Reuter.

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Oranges For Britain

Washington, Apr. 19.
The Foreign Operations Ad-
ministration has granted Brit-
ain authority to purchase \$6-
000,000 of oranges.

The FOA supplies the dollars
and Britain gives the equiv-
alent in sterling to be spent
by the United States on
agreed purposes. In addition
a procurement authorisation
for \$500,000 of tinned fruits
also has been granted.
British officials explained that
the spending of the full

amount authorized depends on
prices as this trade is now in
the hands of private im-
porters.

They said that Spain and Israel
had expressed considerable
concern that purchase of these
oranges might prejudice their
orange export trade with
Britain but they have been
assured that these oranges
will not be shipped at their
peak export periods.—United
Press.

SIMLA CONFERENCE

'No Begging Bowl For Ceylonese'

New Delhi, Apr. 19.

India will convene a conference of Asian
Colombo Plan nations at Simla about May 9, it has
been announced here.

Problems of common interest concerning
external aid for economic development will be
discussed.

During the visit here of Mr
Harold Stassen, US Foreign
Operations Administration
Director, Indian officials made it
clear that they preferred aid on
a bilateral basis. They pointed
out at the same time, however,
that other nations might have
different views.

INVITATIONS

India has invited Burma,
Cambodia, Ceylon, Indone-
sia, Japan, Laos, Nepal,
Pakistan, the Philippines,
Malaya, Singapore, Thailand
and Vietnam to the con-
ference.

Meanwhile, Ceylon has al-
ready informed India that she
is unwilling to attend because
she prefers bilateral negotiations
rather than regional talks and
"Ceylon does not want to go
about with a begging bowl."

Ceylon was reported to have
communicated these views to
other Asian nations, including
Nepal and Pakistan.

It was recalled that Mr Stassen
envisaged a large United States
fund for regional work and
hinted that the United States
would like nations in this region
to meet and discuss ways and
means of using such a fund.

Thus, India is now taking the
initiative by calling a conference.
The United States, however, is
staying completely out of these
activities.—United Press.

Patrols Search Nicosia

Nicosia, Apr. 19.

Steel-helmeted British
troops and Cypriot police
searched Nicosia early to-
day for arms, explosives
and seditious literature.

The patrols were the
first for eight days since
the series of bomb outrages
earlier this month, but fol-
lowed within a day of the
distribution of anti-British
leaflets distributed outside
Nicosia's Greek Orthodox
church during Easter Mass.
—China Mail Special.

Irish Tourist Murdered

Mexico City, Apr. 19.

Six Mexicans in Puerto State
are alleged to have admitted
taking part in the murder of a
29-year-old Irish tourist, John
Kelly, last Sunday, because
they had regarded him as "an
enemy of the Catholic religion."

It was alleged that Kelly was
savagely attacked with a stick
and stones. He was left
seriously injured on the road-
way near Tehuacan and was
found later and taken to a
hospital, where he died.—
France-Press.

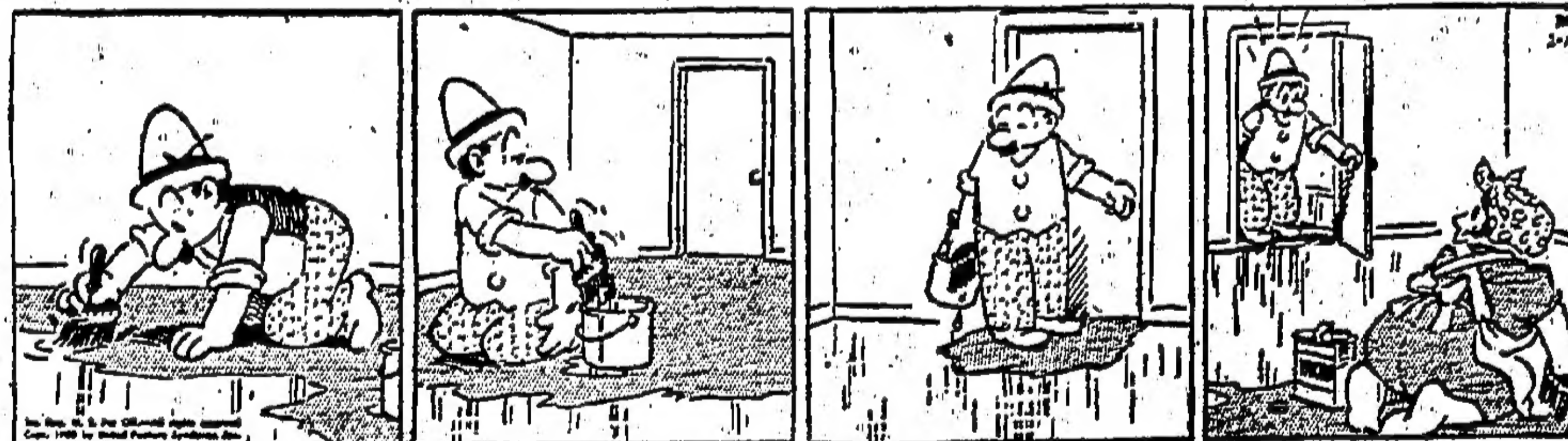
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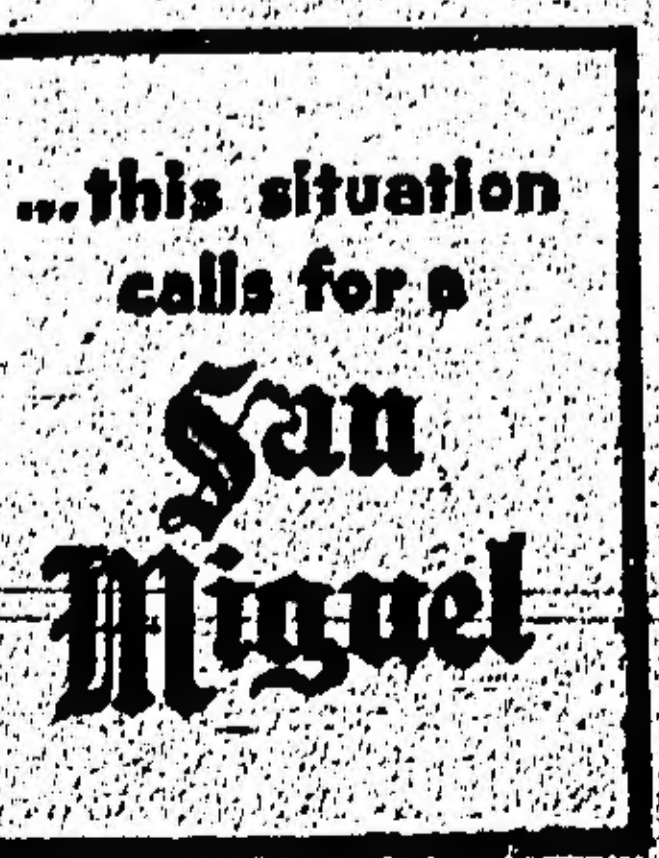
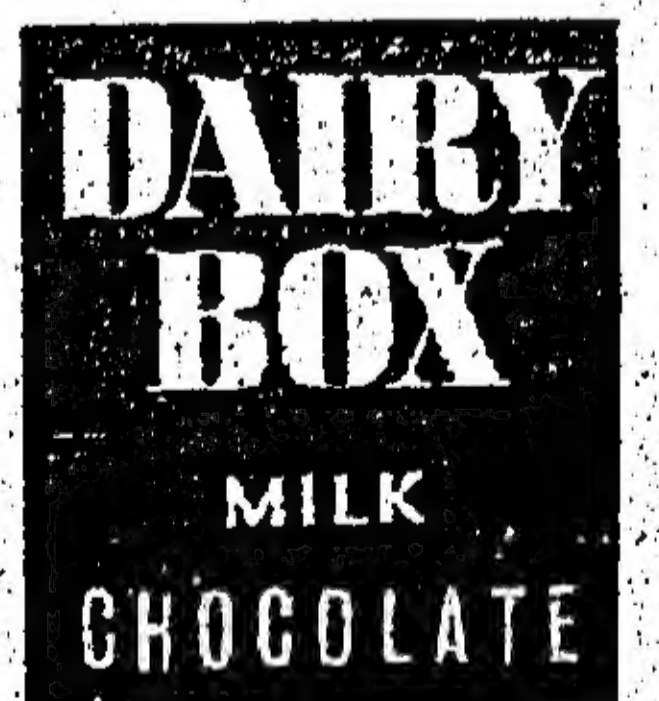
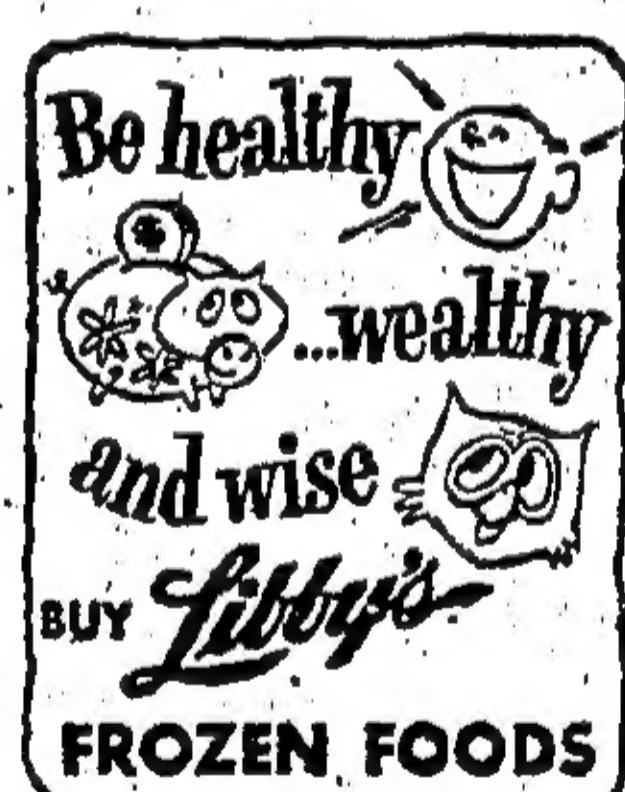
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Stockholm	98 3/4-98 3/4
West Marks	14.54 1/2-14.54 1/2
Others were unchanged.	— Unit

May	1.20
July	1.32
Spot (cents per lb. tob. Cuba)	1.32
Contract No. 6	
May	1.30
July	1.35
September	1.40
November	1.41
March	1.42
Spot (cents per lb. cif N.Y. ex-duty)	1.32

United Press

Exchange		
	New York	Apr. 19
England	official	2.70 23/32
	unofficial	2.71 1/2
	30-day futures	2.70 13/32
South Africa		2.60 3/16
Belgium		0.09
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July	5.11
September	5.59
November	5.61
March	5.38
May	5.44
Spot—(cents per lb. cif N.Y. ex-duty)	5.32

—United Press

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unofficial	2.71-2/28
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Others were unchanged.	— United Press

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